



News from
Councilmember Todd Gloria

City of San Diego ▪ District Three

Friends,

Since plans to reclaim Balboa Park's Plaza de Panama for pedestrian use were announced at the end of August 2010, I have encouraged San Diegans to participate in the public process and provide input on the possibilities that have been proposed for the crown jewel of our public park system.

The future of Balboa Park must be guided by the input of San Diegans. Now is a tremendous opportunity for you to learn more about what is proposed and to weigh in on it. The draft [Environmental Impact Report \(EIR\)](#) analyzing the proposed Plaza de Panama project, as well as 13 alternatives for changes to Balboa Park's core was released this week. I see positive and challenging aspects in the range of alternatives proposed, and I encourage you to share your thoughts.

Comments should relate directly to statements in the EIR and can be submitted in letter form or email to:

E. Shearer-Nguyen, Environmental Planner
City of San Diego Development Services Center
1222 First Avenue, MS 501
San Diego, CA 92101
DSDEAS@sandiego.gov

If you would like to send copies of your comments on the EIR to me, I would welcome them (toddgloria@sandiego.gov or 202 C Street, MS 10A, San Diego, CA 92101). The deadline for official public input is 5:00 pm on March 8, after which multiple local groups will review the EIR. The City Council is expected to hold a hearing on it in early summer 2012.

Also, I want to thank you for stepping up and donating over \$14,000 in just the last week to Alice Birney Elementary School to help them replenish supplies destroyed in a recent arson fire there. The generosity and selflessness of San Diegans continues to amaze me. I couldn't be more proud to represent you! Still interested in donating? Visit [Friends of Alice Birney Elementary](#).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Todd

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